# Steps Inc. Consulting

# CAPABILITY STATEMENT

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Steps Inc. Consulting, a woman-owned small business, is an award-winning community, real estate and professional development agency specializing in urban public policy and planning, community revitalization and professional education services.

Our work has helped governments, organizations and not-for profits, across the state of Illinois, shape strategy, community design and deliver efficient, impactful programs and services in community revitalization, real estate development and educational services.

## Our Value Proposition

\*AMPLIFY

Identify the root cause of target issues swiftly

\*DEMISTIFY

Creative problem solving that draws on 20 years of experience

**\*ANTICIPATE** 

Forward thinking solutions that are pragmatic and implementable

Client empowerment to drive sustainable change and value action. Our team at Steps Inc. Consulting is proud to be unique, leading edge in creative, innovative implementation and our client's are extremely satisfied with our performance because we stand by strong standards.

# Past Performance/Clients Supported:

#### **LOCAL INITIATIVE SUPPORT CORPORATION (LISC)**

Under LISC, I work as a planning consultant to implement several quality-of-life planning processes in disinvested areas within the City of Chicago. LISC developed a comprehensive plan for affordable housing, education, economic development, financial stability, as well as health, safety and justice, community leadership and public policy.

#### THE GREATER AUBURN GRESHAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GAGDC)

In my partnership with GAGDC, I foster and promote revitalization of the low-to-moderate income communities as well as develop a sustainable comprehensive community development strategy.

#### **FAR SOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Our organization supports Far South's efforts in economic development and eradicating slum and blighted conditions in their service area. We have assisted Far South in developing plans to help strengthen socioeconomic health disparities through collaborative work plans.

#### **CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

We have provided exclusive educational structured plans for students and parents to help enhance their attendance, increase grades and text stores.

#### **CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY,**

Currently, we provide exclusive real estate housing development for Chicago Housing Authorities families that are seeking to purchase a home. We work within the financial budget, train, educate and empower families to the finish line of obtaining homeownership.







# **Key Business Areas**

Strategic Community **Planning** 

Community Outreach **Initiatives** 

Developing Comprehensive Long and Short-term neighborhood planning

Technical support for Housing and Small **Business Development** 

Residential Real Estate Development

Commercial Real Estate Development

Neighborhood Stabilization **Projects** 

**Program Administration** 

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### **Our Clients**

- The City of Chicago Department of Housing
- Local Initiative Support Corporation
- Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation
- Far South Community Development Corporation
- Chicago Public Schools
- Chicago Housing Authority